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Serial No.: 09 004,395) Examiner: N. Minnifield
Filed: January 8, 1998) Art Unit: 1645
For: RECOMBINANT P37 FLAA AS A)
DIAGNOSTIC REAGENT)

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is Form PTO-1449, and copies¹ of the documents listed thereon and fee pursuant to §1.17(p). These

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documents were cited in a search report issued for a related case and contain information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

1. International Patent No. WO 97 42325, published November 13, 1997
2. German Patent No. DE 41 20 345, published December 24, 1992
3. Aguero-Rosenfeld et al., (1996) *Journal of Clinical Microbiology*, Vol. 34 (1) pp. 1-9
4. Ge, et al., (January 1997) *Journal of Bacteriology*, Vol. 179 (2) pp. 552-556 (cited by Examiner)
5. Ge, et al., (July 1997) *Infection & Immunity*, Vol. 65 (7) pp. 2992-2995 (cited by Examiner)
6. Gilmore, R.D. Jr., (1999) *Journal of Clinical Microbiology*, Vol. 37 (3), pp. 548-552
7. Johnson, et al., (1996) *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, Vol. 174, pp. 346-353

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

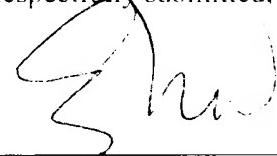
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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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